

October 8, 1992

Dr. Frank Mecklenburg THE LEO BAECK INSTITUTE 129 East 73rd Street New York, NY 10021

Re: Donation to the Leo Baeck Institute

Dear Doctor Mecklenburg:

A couple of months ago, I spoke with Dr. Diane Stielman about donating papers to the Institute and she told me to send them to you, and so I am doing so.

My family and I were refugees from Nazi Germany, although several maternal family members died in Theresienstadt (later news indicated that my grandparents died of typhoid fever and that my aunt committed suicide on a cattle car). The papers I am enclosing document my mother's efforts to obtain restitution and tell my family's story, a story, which I am sure, you are quite familiar with. However, I do feel that they are an important piece of our history that soon may be forgotten and that is, indeed, even denied. I certainly do not want to just throw them out and I would be pleased if the papers would serve in further research and scholarly study and as a memorial of sorts to my family members who died in such unspeakable and unseemly conditions.

I went through the papers somewhat, throwing out any duplicates, for example. I do speak German, but have forgotten some of it and do have difficulty deciphering handwriting or following German legalese. I did not, however, attempt to arrange anything chronologically and I am sure there are gaps, but this is all that I found among my mother's papers. To clarify, let me briefly outline: I was born Vera Dorothee Freund (though the Nazis, of course, threw in a "Sara"). My mother was Hertha Freund, nee Weiss; my father, Dr. Louis Freund; my maternal grandmother, Emma Weiss; my maternal grandfather, Elkan Weiss; and the Chotzens were my cousins. (My father's relatives had left Germany long before the War and so were safe and, indeed, offered me and my immediate family a haven in Central America.)

Please note that the letter in the plastic cover was written by my father when the Nazis briefly incarcerated him before we left Germany.

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I do hope that these papers will find a place in your Institute. If you have any questions or need anything else, please call me at (work, a lawfirm) or at (home). Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Vera Dorothee Freund-Freed

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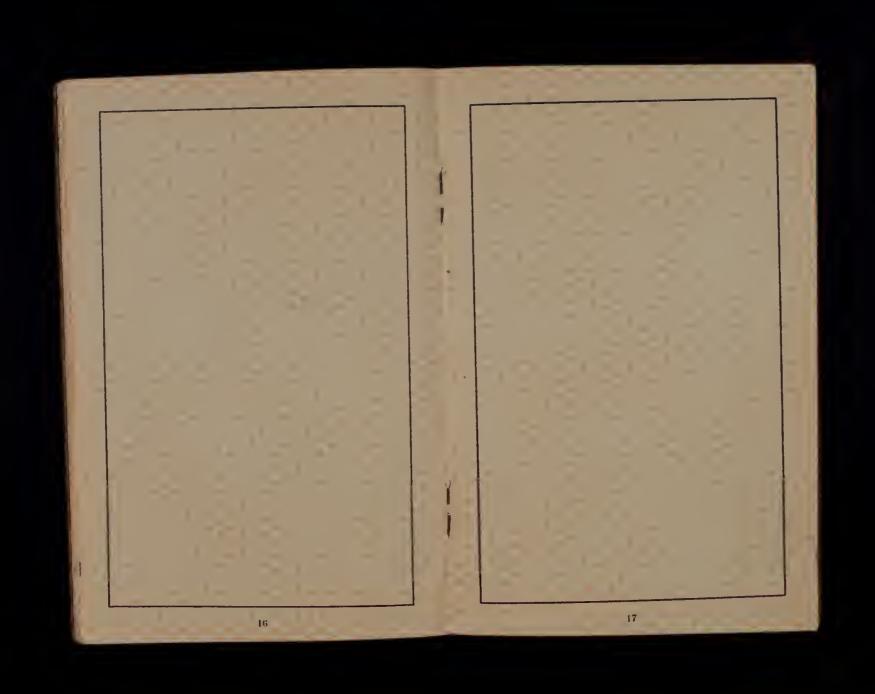
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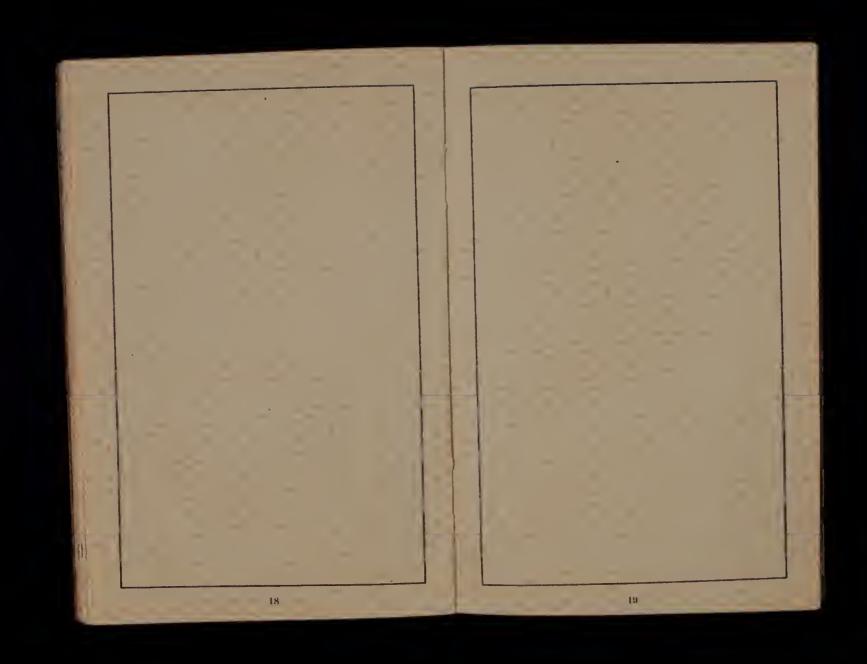
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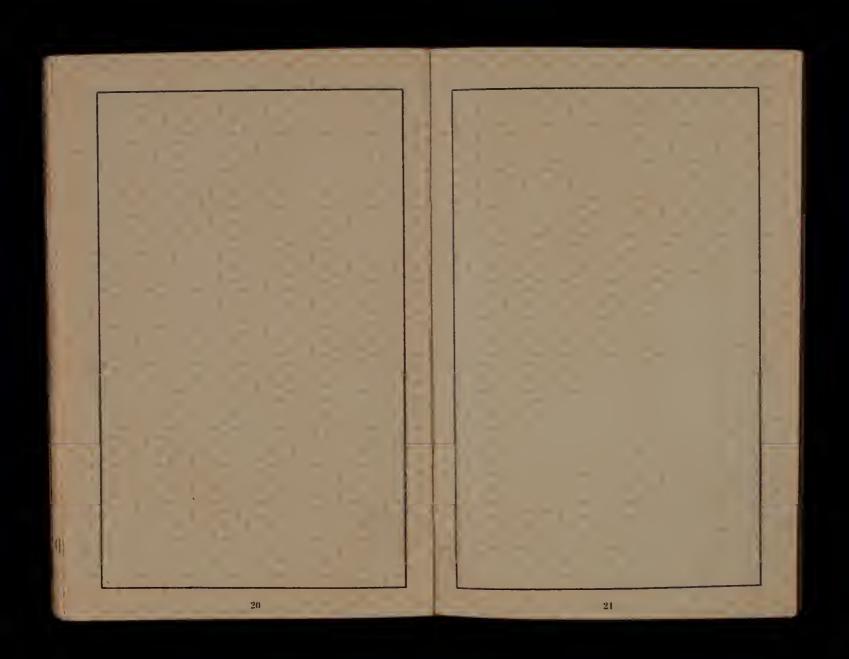
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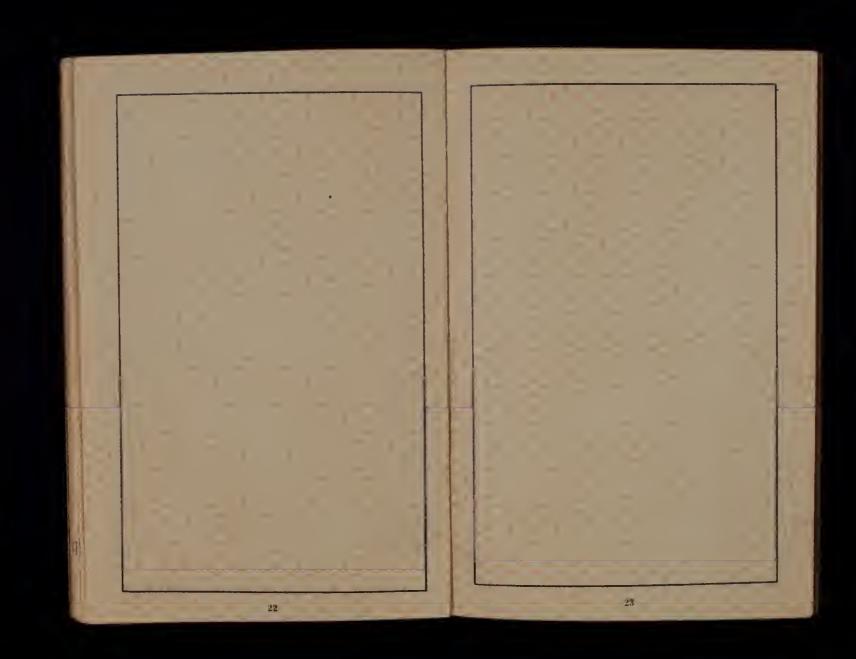
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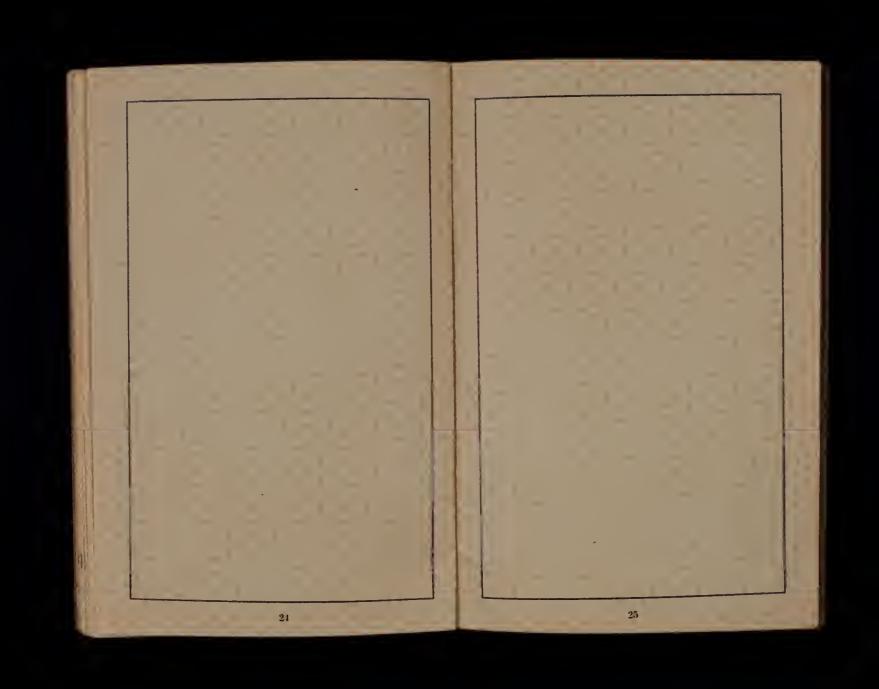


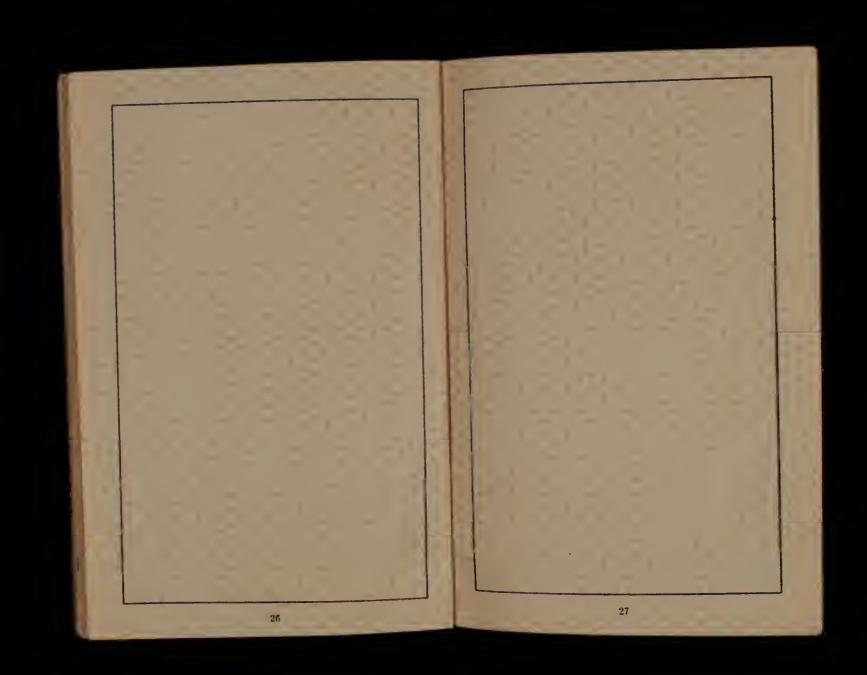


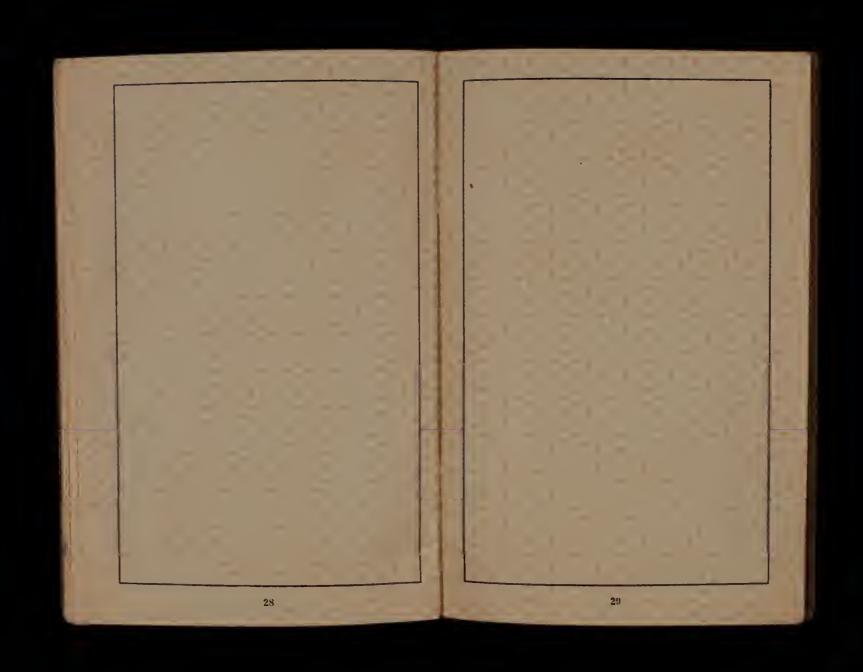


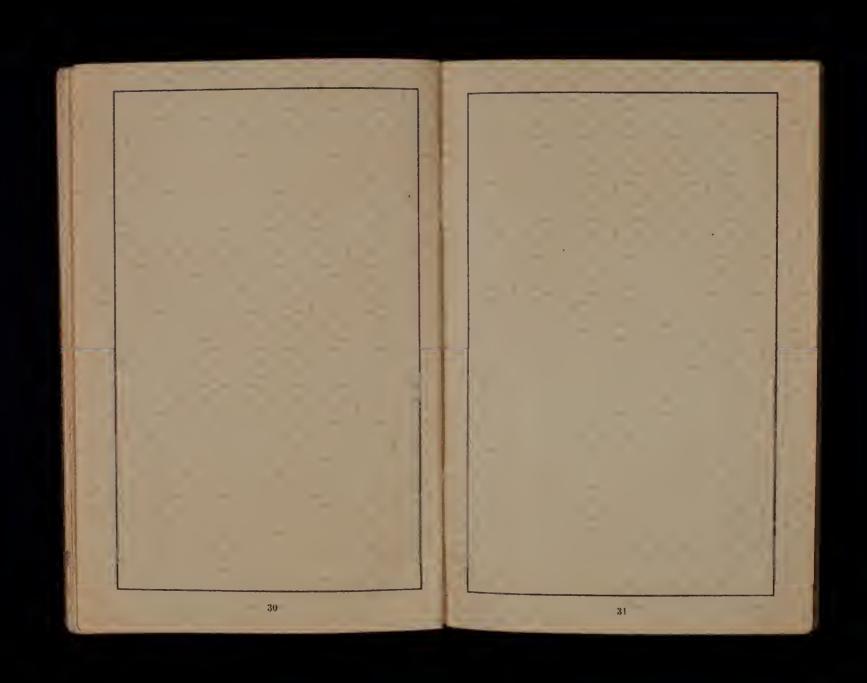


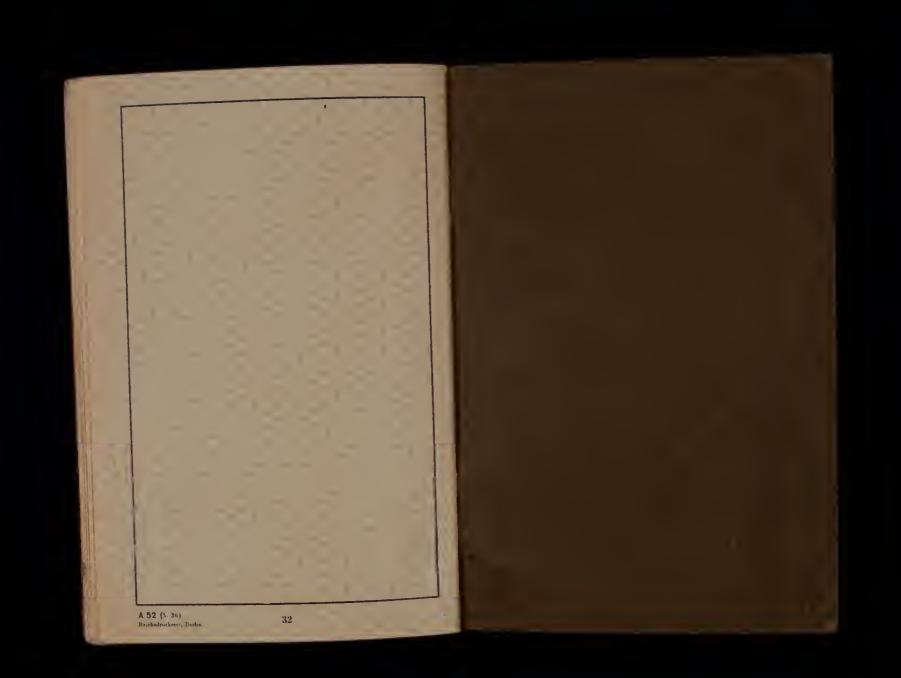


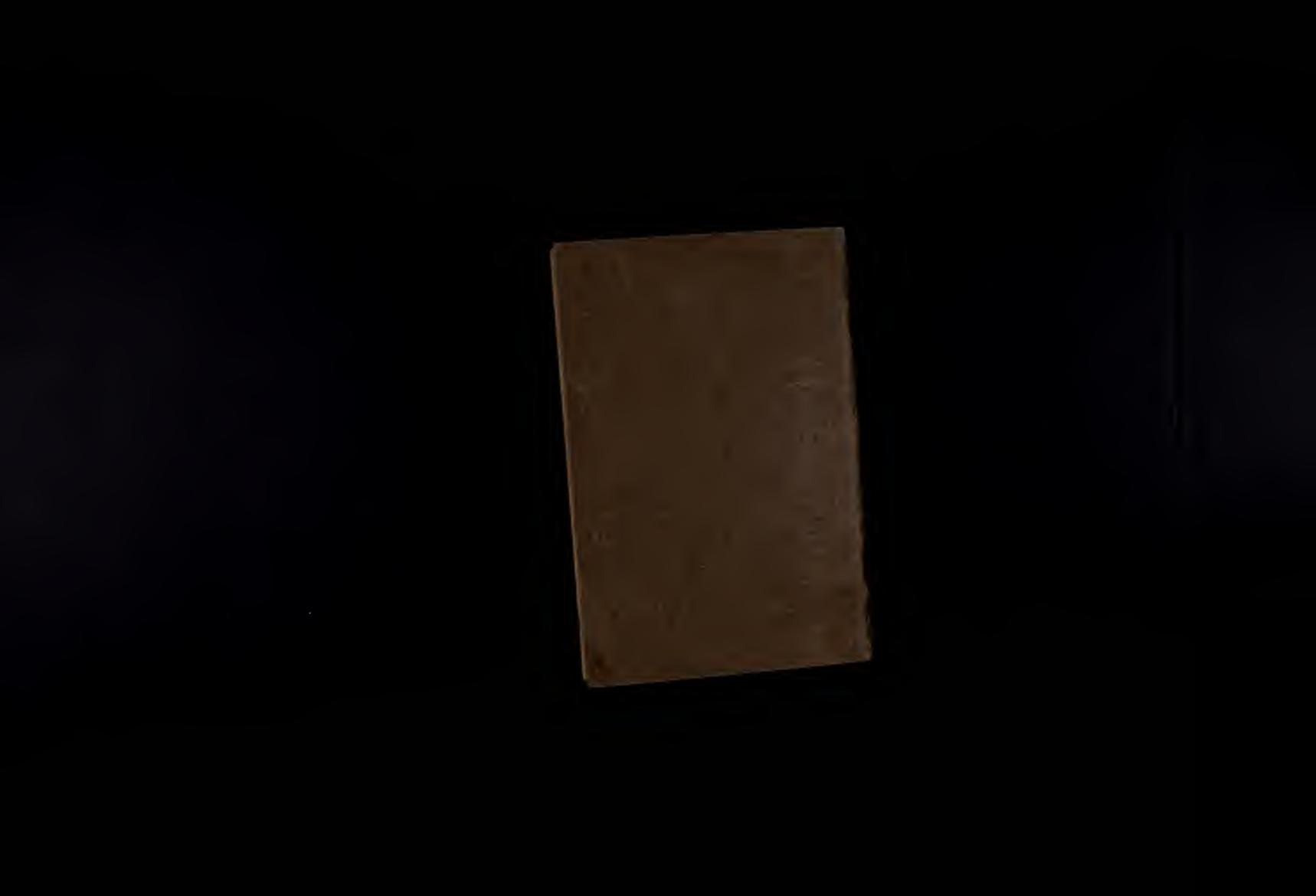












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